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**MPEP 2001.06(C)**

In accordance with the provisions of MPEP 2001.06(c) and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56  
1.97 and 1.98, the Patent Office's attention is directed to the attached Preliminary  
*Invalidity Contentions of Acer Incorporated, Acer America Corporation, and AU*  
*Optronics Corporation* (hereafter "*Invalidity Contentions*") that was recently provided to  
the Assignee of the subject application in litigation between the Assignee and Acer  
Incorporated, Acer America Corporation, and AU Optronics Corporation ("Acer"). This  
litigation has been brought to the Patent Office's attention in a previously submitted  
*Information Disclosure Statement And Notice Of Litigation Under MPEP 2001.06(C)*.

As previously noted, in a complaint filed June 11, 2002 and an amended  
complaint filed June 28, 2002, the Assignee of the subject application has asserted  
infringement of one or more of U.S. Patents 6,355,941; 6,404,480; 6,404,476; and  
5,929,527. U.S. Patent 6,404,476 is in the family of the subject application. More  
specifically, the subject application is a divisional of application serial number  
08/962,448, which issued as U.S. Patent 6,404,476.

Acer Incorporated, Acer America Corporation, and AU Optronics Corporation  
have filed the attached *Invalidity Contentions*, a copy of which is enclosed herewith and  
listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 for consideration by the Examiner. Also  
enclosed and listed on the PTO Form 1449 are references cited in the *Invalidity*  
*Contentions* that are not currently of record in the subject application. Applicant's are  
obtaining English translations of FR 2549627, which is already of record, and JP 63-

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316885 and will submit the same shortly for consideration by the Examiner. A full translation of JP 61-294783 received from Acer Incorporated, Acer America Corporation, and AU Optronics Corporation in connection with the *Invalidity Contentions* is submitted herewith. The remaining references discussed in the *Invalidity Contentions* are believed to already be of record in the subject application and therefore are not listed on the 1449 or submitted herewith.


The Examiner's attention is specifically directed to the discussion of U.S. Patent 6,404,476 on page 3 of the *Invalidity Contentions*, appendices 5 and 6 that are discussed in this section, and to the assertions on page 5 with respect to the '476 patent.

These documents were filed December 3, 2002 and thus in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e)(2) it is certified that no item of information contained herein was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and no item of information contained herein was known to any individual designated in § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner carefully review this information and return an initialed copy of the attached PTO Form 1449 to the undersigned evidencing such consideration.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees connected with this filing which may be required now, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2280.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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